

## NCL Spring 2022 Individual Game Scouting Report

Dear Liam Ryan,

Thank you for participating in the National Cyber League (NCL) 2022 Spring Season! Our goal is to prepare the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and your participation is helping achieve that goal.

The NCL was founded in May 2011 to provide an ongoing virtual training ground for collegiate students to develop, practice, and validate their cybersecurity skills in preparation for further learning, industry certifications, and career readiness. The NCL scenario-based challenges were designed around performance-based exam objectives of CompTIA certifications and are aligned to the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

As you look to a future career in cybersecurity, we hope you find this report to be valuable in both validating skills and identifying areas for improvement across the nine NCL skills categories. You can use this NCL Scouting Report to:

- Validate your skills to employers in any job application or professional portfolio;
- Show case your achievements and strengths by including the Score Card view of your performance as part of your résumé or simply sharing the validation link so that others may view the detailed version of this report.

The NCL 2022 Spring Season had 6,610 students/players and 467 faculty/coaches from more than 500 two- and fouryear schools & 80 high schools across all 50 U.S. states registered to play. The Individual Game Capture the Flag (CTF) event took place from April 8 through April 10. The Team Game CTF event took place from April 22 through April 24. The games were conducted in real-time for students across the country.

NCL is powered by Cyber Skyline's cloud-based skills evaluation platform. Cyber Skyline hosted the scenario-driven cybersecurity challenges for players to compete and track their progress in real-time.

To validate this report, please access: cyberskyline.com/report/1G0N5593TNNP



Based on the the performance detailed in this NCL Scouting Report, you have earned 14 hours of CompTIA. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) as approved by CompTIA. You can learn more about the NCL -CompTIA alignment via nationalcyberleague.org/comptia.

Congratulations for your participation in the NCL 2022 Spring Individual Game! We hope you will continue to develop your knowledge and skills and make meaningful contributions as part of the Information Security workforce!

David Zeichick **NCL** Commissioner



### NATIONAL CYBER LEAGUE SCORE CARD

NCL 2022 SPRING INDIVIDUAL GAME

**NATIONAL RANK** 176TH PLACE **OUT OF 6010 PERCENTILE 98**TH

WEB APPLICATION **EXPLOITATION** LOG ANALYSIS 98TH PERCENTILE 99TH PERCENTILE 97TH PERCENTILE



CYBER SKYLINE

Average: 65.7%

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YOUR TOP CATEGORIES



# NCL Spring 2022 Individual Game

The NCL Individual Game is designed for student players nationwide to compete in realtime in the categories listed below. The Individual Game evaluates the technical cybersecurity skills of the individual, without the assistance of others.

176 TH PLACE OUT OF 6010 NATIONAL RANK 2000 POINTS OUT OF 3000 PERFORMANCE SCORE

58.5% ACCURACY



98<sup>th</sup> National Percentile

Average: 730.1 Points

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Average: 33.5%

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Cryptography	165	OINTS 71.4% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	71.4%
Identify techniques used to encrypt o extract the plaintext.	or obfuscate messages and leverag			
Enumeration & Exploi	tation 160 g	71.4% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	55.6%
Identify actionable exploits and vulne security measures in code and comp	* '	ne		
Forensics	100 %	30.8% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%
Utilize the proper tools and technique investigate digital evidence in a comp		or or		
Log Analysis	340 %	58.6% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Utilize the proper tools and technique operation and identify malicious activ				
Network Traffic Analy	250 g	UNTS 41.5% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	81.0%
Identify malicious and benign networ potential security breaches.	k traffic to demonstrate an underst	anding of		
Open Source Intellige	nce 200 %	57.1% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	80.0%
Utilize publicly available information s social media, and more to gain in-dep		sitories,		
Password Cracking	285 gi	83.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	95.2%
Identify types of password hashes ar determine plaintext passwords.	nd apply various techniques to effici	ently		
Scanning & Reconnais	ssance 200 g	77.8% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%
Identify and use the proper tools to g services and potential vulnerabilities.		ding its		
Web Application Explo	oitation 200 g	58.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	87.5%

Note: Survey module (100 points) was excluded from this report.



Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the

security measures in online services.



# Cryptography Module

Identify the steganography technique used and extract the hidden data

Identify techniques used to encrypt or obfuscate messages and leverage tools to extract the plaintext.

71.4% ACCURACY

71.4% COMPLETION

TOP NICE WORKROLES Security Control Assessor Secure Software Assessor **Exploitation Analyst** Cyber Operator

Security Architect

89<sup>th</sup> National Percentile

Average: 111.7 Points

Average: 85.3%

Average: 50.1%

Decoding 1 (Easy)	30 POINTS OUT OF 30	100.0%	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Identify the type of base encoding used and decode the d	ata	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			
Decoding 2 (Easy)	25 POINTS OUT OF 25	33.3% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Identify the encoding scheme used and decode the data					
Decoding 3 (Medium)	15 POINTS OUT OF 35	50.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%	
Identify the encoding scheme used and decode the data					
Decoding 4 (Medium)	40 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Identify the cipher scheme used and decrypt the data					
Decoding 5 (Medium)	O POINTS OUT OF	0.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	0.0%	
Identify the communication scheme used and decode the message					
Decoding 6 (Hard)	O POINTS OUT OF	0.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	0.0%	
Identify the communication scheme used and decode the message					
Stego 1 (Easy)	35 POINTS OUT OF 35	50.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Identify the steganography technique used and extract th	e hidden data				
Stego 2 (Medium)	20 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	50.0%	



### **Enumeration & Exploitation Module**

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in code and compiled binaries.

**TH PLACE** OUT OF 6010 NATIONAL RANK

PERFORMANCE SCORE

71.4% ACCURACY

55.6% COMPLETION Average: 36.8%

#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator Target Developer **Exploitation Analyst** Software Developer Systems Security Analyst

94th National Percentile

Validator (Easy)

Exploit (Hard)

Average: 83.8 Points

Average: 60.7%

60.0%

COMPLETION:

COMPLETION:

0.0%

75.0%

Blocky (Medium)

Disassemble and analyze a malicious Chrome browser extension

Decompile and analyze Java bytecode

100.0% ACCURACY

0.0%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Analyze a remote Linux server for vulnerabilities and demonstrate proof of concept exploit

### Forensics Module

Utilize the proper tools and techniques to analyze, process, recover, and/or investigate digital evidence in a computer-related incident.

**TH PLACE** 20 OUT OF 6010 NATIONAL RANK

Percentile

92 nd National

PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 70.1 Points Average: 57.4%

30.8% ACCURACY

50.0% COMPLETION Average: 37.6%

#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst Cyber Crime Investigator Cyber Defense Incident Responder

Cyber Defense Analyst

Archived (Easy)

30.8%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Extract hidden metadata information from a tar archive file

Puzzle (Medium)

0.0%

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Identify overlapping byte segments to reconstruct a multi-part file

Hacker Flyer (Hard)

0.0%

COMPLETION: 0.0%

Extract sensitive data from a Windows memory dump



### Log Analysis Module

Utilize the proper tools and techniques to establish a baseline for normal operation and identify malicious activities using log files from various services.

60 TH PLACE OUT OF 6010

FREORMANCE SCORE

58.6% ACCURACY

Average: 42.8%



#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Analyst Systems Security Analyst All-Source Analyst Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst Data Analyst

NATIONAL RANK

98<sup>th</sup> National

Average: 122.7 Points

66.7%

COMPLETION:

100.0%

IIS (Easy)

**ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION:

Devices (Medium)

110 POINTS OUT OF

40.0% **ACCURACY** 

100.0%

Analyze an IOT sensors log to identify anomalous behavior

Email (Hard)

100.0%

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Analyze email logs to identify phishing attempts and suspicious email senders

Analyze a Windows IIS web server log to identify attacker scanning activity

## Network Traffic Analysis Module

Identify malicious and benign network traffic to demonstrate an understanding of potential security breaches.

**TH PLACE** 

NATIONAL RANK

41.5% ACCURACY



TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Defense Analyst All-Source Analyst Cyber Defense Incident Responder Target Network Analyst

96<sup>th</sup> National

Average: 102.3 Points

Average: 52.5%

Transfer (Easy) Extract sensitive information from a FTP packet capture

38.9% **ACCURACY** 

Cyber Operator COMPLETION: 100.0%

WiFi Cracking (Medium)

50.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 100.0%

Identify vulnerable WiFi encryption scheme and crack the WiFi password

Kryptonite (Medium)

40.0% **ACCURACY**  100.0%

Decrypt and analyze an intercepted TLS packet capture

AirKeys (Hard)

33.3% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION: 20.0%

COMPLETION:

Analyze Bluetooth keyboard connection and reconstruct keystrokes to extract credential information





# Open Source Intelligence Module

Utilize publicly available information such as search engines, public repositories, social media, and more to gain in-depth knowledge on a topic or target.

836 TH PLACE OUT OF 6010

PERFORMANCE SCORE





#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Systems Security Analyst Target Developer System Administrator Research & Development Specialist Cyber Intel Planner

NATIONAL RANK

70<sup>th</sup> National Percentile

Average: 187.7 Points

Rules of Conduct (Easy)	15 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Introductory challenge on acceptable conduct during N	NCL			
Whois (Easy)	60 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Explore whois registration information on IP addresses	S			
Filings (Easy)	50 POINTS OUT OF	37.5% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Identify common regulatory filings required in the cybe	ersecurity industry			
Tor (Medium)	75 POINTS OUT OF 75	42.9% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%
Identify metadata and affiliation information about Tor	relay nodes			
Caller ID (Hard)	O POINTS OUT OF 100	0.0% accuracy	COMPLETION:	0.0%
Geolocate an individual using cellular tower identificati	ion number			





## Password Cracking Module

Identify types of password hashes and apply various techniques to efficiently determine plaintext passwords.

183 RD PLACE OUT OF 6010 NATIONAL RANK

285 POINTS OUT OF 310 PERFORMANCE SCORE

83.3% ACCURACY 95.2% COMPLETION

#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator Exploitation Analyst Systems Security Analyst Cyber Defense Incident Responder Cyber Crime Investigator

100.0%

97<sup>th</sup> National Percentile

Average: 108.5 Points

Average: 88.9%

Average: 48.4%

COMPLETION:

Hashing (Easy)	15 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Generate password hashes for MD5, SHA1, and SHA256					
Cracking 1 (Easy)	30 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Crack MD5 password hashes					
Cracking 2 (Easy)	30 POINTS OUT OF	60.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Crack Windows NTLM password hashes					
Cracking 3 (Medium)	45 POINTS OUT OF	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	100.0%	
Build a wordlist or pattern config to crack password hashes of a known pattern					
Cracking 4 (Hard)	120 POINTS OUT OF 145	100.0% ACCURACY	COMPLETION:	85.7%	
Build a wordlist to crack passwords not found in common	wordlists				

50.0%

**ACCURACY** 

Crack the password of a PDF document file

PDF (Medium)



### Scanning & Reconnaissance Module

Identify and use the proper tools to gain intelligence about a target including its services and potential vulnerabilities.

3 RD PLACE OUT OF 6010

ERFORMANCE SCORE

77.8% ACCURACY

Average: 62.3%



#### TOP NICE WORKROLES

Vulnerability Assessment Analyst Target Network Analyst Cyber Operations Planner Target Developer Security Control Assessor

NATIONAL RANK

94th National

FTP Scan (Easy)

Average: 95.2 Points

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION:

100.0%

Scan a FTP server to enumerate its contents and possible vulnerabilities

Disclosure (Medium)

100.0% **ACCURACY** 

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Identify server configuration and enumerate remote web server paths

Castle (Hard)

0.0% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION:

0.0%

Scan and analyze the results from a LDAP server

### Web Application Exploitation Module

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in online services.

89 TH PLACE OUT OF 6010 NATIONAL RANK

99th National

PERFORMANCE SCORE

Average: 53.3 Points

58.3% ACCURACY

Average: 52.0%



TOP NICE WORKROLES

Cyber Operator Software Developer **Exploitation Analyst** Systems Security Analyst Database Administrator

Wordly (Easy)

57.1% ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Exploit a popular game app by analyzing the partial logic in the browser side JavaScript code

Cookie Game (Medium)

60.0% **ACCURACY**  COMPLETION: 100.0%

Identify and exploit hidden backdoor functionality to gain access to the server

PayMo (Hard)

0.0% ACCURACY COMPLETION: 0.0%

Exploit a payment processing app for vulnerabilities that would drain user balance